## CITY OF NEW YORK MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MONTHLY MEETING MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025 1368 FULTON STREET, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM BROOKLYN, NY 11216

Members Present: Alex Abarbanel-Grossman, Ricardo Agcauili, Ty'East Alleyne-Bobb, Monique Antoine, Frank Bradshaw, Santina Brown-Payton, Anthony Buissereth, Tiffanie Burt, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Keith Forest, Rabbi Joel Friedman, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Shia Greenfeld, Gerald Huggins, Dr. Jada John-Ali, Edna Johnson, Kenneth Mbonu, Maliyka Muhammad, Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne, Christine Parker, C. Doris Pinn, Shneaqua Purvis, Carolyn Richburg, Wendy Robinson, Abitzel (Abbi) Robinson-Hobson, Suzette Sheppard, Dr. Gail Singleton-Taylor, Samuel Stern, Dr. Adesola Tella, Asher Tapuchi, Alicia Walton, Cheryl Wright

**Members Absent/Excused**: Dr. Kim Best, Nicole Greaves, Ahsan Habib, Letty Hawthorne, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Monique Powell, Miari Roberts, Joseph Sortland, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, Timberly Wilson, TJ Wilson

**Elected Official/Reps:** Councilmember Chi Osse, Councilmember Lincoln Restler, Krista Reilly – Senator Zellnor Myrie, Solena Ornelas – Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Tendai Watkins – Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman, Pierre Gedeon – Mayor's Office/CAU, Carol-Ann Church – Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Erica Turner – Councilmember Darlene Mealy

City Agencies/CBOs: Det. Christopher Charles – 79 Precinct, Lt. Jason Reis-Gerzog – 81 Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81 Precinct, Shelton Jones – Brooklyn District Attorney Office, Xin-Rui – Independent Budget Office, Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library, Gregory Anderson – Bridge Street Development Corp., Adeeba Rana, Christina Ferrari and David Allen – Bedford Branch Library, Marlon Rice – Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp.

The meeting was convened at 7:12 p.m. by Chair Anthony Buissereth. He read the agenda into the record.

There were 22 members present at the beginning of the meeting and 24 were absent.

In his opening remarks, Chair Buissereth thanked the members who were not reappointed for their service to the community. He stated that the new members will begin their service at the June meeting.

Det. Charles informed reported two shooting incidents with the confines of the 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct that are under investigation. He added that there will between a meeting on Wednesday at the precinct to discuss the upcoming block party season process.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Precinct received 35 new officers who will be able to assist with a lot of community issues.

Blondel Pinnock, President & CEO of Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp., She introduced Takesia White, Economic Development & Real Estate and Frank Lang, St. Nick's Alliance.

Dekalb Commons consists of two lots on Dekalb Avenue between Nostrand and Marcy Avenues and the third and smaller lot is located at 1187 Fulton Street with commercial. There are 84 units with one unit for the super, however 71 units of affordable housing. Residents can sign up for the lottery through Housing connect. Some units are set aside for the formally homeless who will receive specific case management services.

The deadline for applying is June 9<sup>th</sup> through Housing Connect. 5% is set aside for the disable, 2% for vision impaired and a 5% preference for municipal employees.

At the second roll call there were 33 members present and 13 absent.

## **Chair's Report:**

He attended a meeting on the future of the Sumner Armory. The final meeting will be held on Thursday, at Bethany Baptist Church on Marcus Garvey Blvd and Decatur Street, at 6:00 p.m. He reiterated that everyone should attend the meeting to provide feedback valuable input.

He reminded members that there will be two meetings in June. The first will be held on June  $2^{nd}$  and the second on June  $23^{rd}$ . The Executive meeting will be on June  $12^{th}$ . The Annual Shred Event will be held on June  $21^{st}$  at Marcy Plaza from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## **District Manager Report:**

In partnership with Community Board 16, Prof. Karl will be hosting a workshop 425 Howard Avenue from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the Tax Lien Sale and why it is problematic.

## **Committee Reports:**

Edna Johnson, Chair of the Health & Social Services Committee, announced the committee will be hosting a Health Fair on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Education & Youth Committee will be meeting in the Board office on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Keith Forest, Chair of the Economic Development Committee, gave a report on the following SLA applications:

1. Shirley Ventures LLC d/b/a Don't Call Me Shirley located at 346 Franklin Avenue The committee recommended giving a letter of support

2. Bed Stuy Taco LLC d/b/a East Coast Street Taco located at 1620 Fulton Street The committee recommended giving a letter of support

3. Reems Bar LLC d/b/a My Pleasure located at 1409 Fulton Street The committee recommended giving a letter of support

A motion was made to accept the committee's recommendation was made and seconded.

VOTE: 34 - In Favor; 0 - Against; 0 - Abstention

Evelyn Collier, Chair of the Landmarks & Preservation Committee presented a resolution for 373 Decatur Street.

This is an application to replace and restore windows, alter the storefront, and restore the metal awning of a commercial mixed-use building at 373 Decatur Street (on the northwest corner of Malcolm X Blvd). The building is situated within the Bedford Stuyvesant/Expanded Stuyvesant Heights Historic District.

The proposed design for the alterations to south, east and north elevations, restoration of the existing café awning, and the painted mural alterations are contextual and aesthetically fit with historic character of the district.

The committee recommended SUPPORT for the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed alterations to 373 Decatur Street.

A motion to accept the committee's recommendation was made and seconded.

**VOTE: 34 – In Favor; 0 – Against; 0 – Abstention** 

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Submitted respectfully by, Beryl Nyack June 20, 2025.